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BERS MIXED UP AS THIEVES CA

VILLAGERS in Lympne have been left with the wrong phone numbers after thieves stole copper cabling and cut the community off for days.

Engineers from BT worked round the clock to restore supplies after the raid on Monday last week, which is thought to have affected about 650 homes.

But once reconnected, some customers found their wires had literally been crossed and they had been given a different landline number.

One of those who was affected, Barbara Emerton, said she had received messages on her BT answer-

EXCLUSIVE

BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

phone - even though she doesn't subscribe to the service – from people asking her about her holiday; they were intended for someone else.

She said: "It was rather strange and at first I went out and bought a new handset as I thought that might be the problem.

"People were trying to call me and getting through to another person, so when I dialled my own home number I realised it was for a chap who lives

around the corner. But when I checked with him whether I had been given his number as well, it turned out not to be the case, so that's at least three people up the wall.

"Then I heard on the line that I had two messages waiting for me on my BT answerphone, even though I don't use the service.

"They turned out to be from people asking if I was fit to play tennis or if I was back from my holiday in Spain.

"It is a bit of a nightmare because people are afraid of having a lot of calls racking up on their bills. It's obviously a case of one of the engineers putting the connections back in the wrong places.

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SHY CUBS 'STRIPE'

These cute tiger cubs finally came out of their hutch only six weeks after being born to make their first public appearance at Port Lympne.

The Siberian females were born to parents Tugar and Ingrid at the end of June as part of an international captive breeding programme to

preserve the endangered species.

It is thought there are fewer than 500 of their kind left in the wild, due to the threat from poaching and loss of prey species.

The park is hosting a competition to name the cubs, which can be submitted either in person at a suggestion box by the tigers' enclosure or online at www.aspinallfoundation.org



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Fury as street's 'healthy trees' are axed down

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A FOLKESTONE man has hit back at county bosses' claims that they are cutting down trees in his street due to them being diseased.

John O'Neon has said the authority's excuse was "an absolute load of crap" and is now making a note about each one which disappears from the local landscape.

The Downs Road resident wrote to Yourshepway about the problem of nearby trees being felled, despite them not appearing to have anything wrong with them.

He said: "Not one of those trees were diseased, they were all upright and perfectly healthy.

"Even small young healthy trees are being cut down, and they're not getting replanted. It's an absolute load of crap.

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"The contractors who were doing the work couldn't give me a valid reason when I asked.

"Trees not only add beauty to a road but they are a necessity to our lives. One person I know who had a tree cut down outside of his house never got an answer from those doing it either.

"It's been suggested to me by others that they are being cut down for woodchip to make money, but I don't know how true that is."

All that is left of the trees after being cut down are the 3ft stumps.

In response to his initial letter, a spokesman for Kent County Council said: ""The trees were dead or



DISEASED? Angry resident says there was no need to cut down trees in Downs Road

showing signs of significant disease. "Kent Highway Services carried out the necessary work for safety reasons. The sites will be replanted, provided funding is available and

ground conditions are suitable."
But Mr O'Neon said he is not satisfied with the answer and intends to keep a record of what trees are cut down and when.

"There are about five or six near me that have been taken down but there are others elsewhere which are also being targeted.

are others elsewhere which are also being targeted. "It's a bloody nuisance. Trees are a gift of life and this place will be barren soon if this continues." He said he intends to take up the cause with MP Damian Collins if necessary.

Police go off-road in bid to tackle nuisance riders

POLICE officers in New Romney have swapped their regular motorbikes for off-road ones to combat other nuisance riders who use them on open land.

Neighbourhood officer PCSO John Gorham was joined by PCs Richard Lawton and Giles Lamb in Church Road and Dunes Road on Sunday August 1

No riders were seen or stopped, but people in the town said they appreciated the police initiative. PCSO Gorham said: "The pres-

PCSO Gorham said: "The presence of the two officers on their offroad bikes had the effect of deterring any would-be nuisance bikers in the area."

"However, many residents talked to us and said, without exception, that they felt the area was safer and more pleasant to use than it had been.



INITIATIVE: Police are using off-road bikes

"The initiative to detect and deter the use of off-road bikes in the area will continue throughout the summer months.

"Anyone found riding a machine illegally, will be issued with a section 59 warning and risks having their motorcycle seized by the police."

Belgian beer on tap at inaugural festival

FOLKESTONE'S first Belgian Beer Festival takes place over the August Bank Holiday, with each venue hosting up to 15 specialist varieties. Hosted by cafés Home Ground in

Hosted by cafés Home Ground in the Old High Street and Googies in Rendezvous Street, it is hoped the festival will become an annual event.

Neil Finlay from Home Ground said there will be something for all tastes and a special event card would be available for people to record the beers as they try them.

There will also be a barbecue and live music at both venues.

Waste centre closing for vital repair works

THE Shorncliffe waste centre is due to close at the end of this month for about nine weeks, due to essential repair and maintenance work.

The household and recycling area in Ross Way will shut on Tuesday August 31 with arrangements put in place for extra rubbish to be accepted at other Kent County Council sites.

The nearest ones are Chart Leacon in Brunswick Road in Ashford and Honeywood Road in Whitfield near Dover – open Monday to Saturday from 8am-4.30pm and Sun 9am-4pm.

There is also the site at Fenfield Lane in Hawkinge – open Saturday 8am-4.30pm and Sunday 9am-4pm.

Youngsters to kick-off against police in cup

A GROUP of police officers and PCSOs from Folkestone face a tough challenge tomorrow when they play youngsters at football.

Children aged 11-14 from villages in Shepway wil play each other and the Kent Police side for the Community Challenge Cup, organised by PC Trevor Moody and KCC Wardens.

PC Moody launched the annual cup tournament in Hawkinge in 2006 after youngsters complained they had nowhere to play football.

It takes place at Lympne Village Hall from 11am and all are welcome to come along and support them. The winners will be presented with the cup at 3mm

Man charged with Sunny Sands rape

A MAN was in court on Friday last week charged with rape after an incident on Folkestone's Sunny Sands beach last month.

Abdul Basir Khalazai, 18, of Albert Street in Whitstable, appeared at Folkestone court before being remanded in custody.

The alleged attack happened between midnight and 1.30am on the beach on Thursday, July 1.

Cocktails to get you in the Bank Holiday spirit

COCKTAILS are 2-for-1 at Folkestone's Quarterhouse bar and restaurant on Bank Holiday Friday to celebrate its new menu.

This includes the new in-house special the Quban and the 2-for-1 offer starts on Friday, August 27, at 6pm until late, with live music and free tasters of the autumn-winter menu.

The venue is at 45 Tontine Street in Folkestone. To find out more and to book call 01303 858540 or go to www. quarterhouse.co.uk/foodanddrink.

Chance to give tiger cubs the purrfect name in competition

BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

A DUO of Siberian tiger cubs have made their first appearance at Port Lympne and sparked a competition to name them.

The two females were born to parents Tugar and Ingrid on June 27 and six weeks on they were finally ready to brave their first few steps outside of their birthing shed.

It is thought there are less than 500 Siberian tigers left in the wild, due to the threat from

poaching and loss of prey species.

Head big cat keeper Rich Barnes told
Yourshepway said everyone at the park was
"really chuffed" with the cubs' arrival and hoped it could be the start of more to come.

He added: "We were fairly confident Ingrid was pregnant. After witnessing her mating she began to put on weight and became calmer and more lethargic.

"After a gestation period of about three months Ingrid retired alone to her shed for a short time, and sure enough, when we checked on her, we spotted the two cubs.

"We are really chuffed with their arrival and although we have not seen much of them yet we are looking forward to learning their individual characters as the weeks progres

"They will grow up and be looked after by mum and dad and then when they get to the age where we would like to pair them up they can go on for breeding.

"That will normally be between 18 months to two and a half years of age and hopefully we will be able to set them up with a male each and we can send them to another park where they will be able to do that, or we will bring in a new male or two here.

The park is now inviting people to come up with some fitting names for the cubs which will do some justice to the species.

The cubs' father Tugar, or Tug, was handraised by his keepers and is described as a true gentle giant, weighing approximately 33 stone.

He is part of an international breeding program to save the endangered species. Tugar's mate arrived in 2005 and is called Ingrid Alexandra after the Princess of Norway.



CLEAN WHISKERS: Siberian tiger Ingrid prepares one of her cubs as it makes its first outing at Port Lympne

The pair's last two cubs, females called Sinda and Bira, are now at Knowsley Safari Park.

You can submit your entries to name the cubs either in person at a suggestion box by the tigers' enclosure or online at www.aspinall foundation.org.

Huge rise in metal and copper theft

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE
The thieves are thought have struck on
Monday last week.

A BT spokesman said new cabling was being brought in and services would be restored as soon as possible.

International demand has seen metal prices, particularly copper, rocket in recent months, sparking a surge in related thefts.

BT said it had established a nation-wide intelligence-led taskforce working with the police and visiting scrap-metal dealers in a bid to clamp down on the copper raids.

The telecom giant said more than 200 people had been arrested across the UK for stealing from its network in the past year and it would soon start using SmartWater technology, an invisible paint that 'tags' thieves.

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Siberian tiger cubs' first outing at Port Lympne. Search 'tigers'

Police calm Glitter fears

KENT Police have emphasised they are committed to protect the people of the county in response to claims that sex offender Gary Glitter may be living in or around Seabrook.

Officers say anyone with any concerns should contact them.

However, they say they cannot confirm or deny whether Glitter, whose real name is Paul Gadd, has moved into the area.

Meanwhile, locals say there have

been a couple of cases of mistaken identity where people resembling the disgraced glam rock star have been mistaken for him.

Risk

Detective Chief Inspector Isobel Gibson of Kent Police's Public Protection Unit said: "Protecting our residents remains paramount to Kent Police and we work closely to monitor the behaviour of registered sex offenders in the county to minimise any risk to the public

that may exist.
"We will also liaise with other forces when offenders move out of the policing area of Kent.

"Kent Police will uphold the law and work with other forces to ensure people of the county feel safe in their communities.

"If people have any concerns about policing in their area, they should contact their local neighbourhood policing team."

Stand-up stars booked for Quarterhouse dates

STAR TURN: Julian Clary

TOP comedians including Julian Clary, Jenny Éclair and Rich Hall will feature in the Quarterhouse's new autumn line-up.

Well-known and emerging acts including Isy Suttie, Russell Kane, Lee Nelson, Felix Dexter, Alun Cochrane and Greg Davies are also

set to appear. The Folkestone Skabour Festival, which runs from September 3-5, features live music from The Beat, Arthur Kaye and The Originals, Intensified and

Other calendar highinclude Dub lights the Beatles Pistols, Blues and Blue Violin Tour, Seth Lakeman, Oxjam, Cancer Bats supported by Trash

Talk, Bluesky Pie nights, 3 Daft Monkeys, The Fugitives, Pama International, The Floyd Effect and Oysterband Acoustic.

Live performances include an Evening with cricket commentator Henry Blofeld, A Friends of the Marlowe Magic Evening, Darren Shaw and the Dynamics and the

Shakespeare Schools Festival. Weekly Thursday film screenings continue with Four Lions, Cemetery Junction, The Disappearance of Alice

Fizz Family Sundays also return offering monthly children's shows such as The Amazing Bubble Man, Twinkle Twonkle, How the Koala Learnt to Hug and A Little Bird Told Me. These

shows are all preceded by free creative workshops in the Quarterhouse

This year's Folkestone Book Festival takes place between Friday 5 and Saturday, November 13. Authors announced so far include Arthur Smith, June Spencer - who plays Peggy from the Archers – John Julius Norwich, The Fitzrovia Radio Hour and comedi-

There will also be special events for children over the first weekend of the festival and the popular schools gala.

To book tickets or for more information go to www.quarterhouse.co.uk, call the box office on 01303 858500 or go to the venue direct at 45 Tontine Street, Folkestone.

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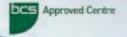
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Online mayoral survey gets just four responses

SHEPWAY COUNCIL defended itself after only four people took part in an online survey asking if they would like to see a directly elected mayor.

The public consultation posted on its website asked people to choose between two options – whether to be able to vote for an executive leader or for a system similar to the current leader and cabinet.

However, the month-long survey, which ended on August 6, only attracted a handful of entries, with two voting for and two

A Shepway council spokeswoman said the consultation was a 'one-off' and the proposals on offer were on the verge of being scrapped by the new Government anyway: "This is a one-off consultation brought about by the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

"The coalition Government has announced its intention to repeal these particular provi-

"[The Government's intention is] that the consultation should be proportionate to the subject, bearing in mind that the legislative provisions will probably have a short life.'

The spokeswoman cited a letter from housing and local government minister Grant Shapps, sent to all councils, which said: "...the case is strong for any consultation now about future governance arrangements to be the minimal cost option.

"It will be for each council to decide, but in our view no more than a small newspaper advert/article or press release on your website may be proportionate and right in these

BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

The main difference between the two options is that a mayor could stand and be voted directly into office by all those in Shepway, not just in one ward

The mayor would then be in charge for four years and be able to appoint a cabinet, but could not be removed by the council.

Directly elected mayors have had mixed success at other local authorities, with four out of the 12 who already have them now campaigning to hold referendums to abolish

One of the main criticisms is the cost, due to the need to host a separate election and with some mayors being paid as much as £100,000 per year.

Leader of the main opposition Liberal Democrat group on the council, Lynne Beaumont, said it would be a 'gamble' to have a directly elected mayor: "Faster, effective, responsible, and accountable makes sense to me, although this counts on the per-

"It's a gamble – a bad mayor for four years can do a lot of damage, however, a good mayor can turn an area around and lift it beyond recognition.

"Cost is a huge element here. The elected mayors I know of are paid around the £100,000 mark, a lot more than you pay the leader of the council at present.

"My understanding is that the consultation took place as a legal requirement, nothing more, so no publicity was given to this.

"This I believe to be wrong. Council taxpayers should be informed, and asked their opinions. After all, that's why we are elected in the first place, isn't it?"

POLICE have launched a fresh appeal for witnesses after a serious sexual assault took place in Folkestone last week.

Assault witnesses appeal

NEWS IN BRIEF

The incident happened just after midnight on Monday, August 9, in an alleyway running between The Durlocks and Dyke Road.

Anyone who was in the area of Folkestone's Old High Street and Tontine Street at that time is asked to come forward, in particular if they saw a group of males near the Yacht club in North Street.

Detective Inspector Trevor Fleming said: "We know three men and one woman were in the kebab house in Tontine Street just after midnight and they may have information.

"I am also keen to speak to a Good Samaritan who came to the aid of the victim in the High Street just after midnight."

Call the major crime incident line on 01303 289600, Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or South Kent police on 01622 690690.

Community project funding

People in East Folkestone are encouraged to put forward community projects for funding.

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The deadline for funding is September 21. Application forms are available from Jenny Bullows on 01303 853313 or email jenny. bullows@shepway.gov.uk.

Download application packs online at: www.shepway.gov.uk/eastfolkestonetogether.

Bliss promises new pool

A NEW swimming pool in Hythe is still on the cards after Shepway council's leader pledged to find a replacement site.

Robert Bliss said the delay over the Nickolls Quarry housing development had stalled the plans but had asked officials to keep looking for a new site.

It had been hoped a new pool would replace the current one in South Road. Cllr Bliss said: "We can't simply pull down

the current pool and build one in its place. The site isn't big enough. But I'm not prepared to keep people waiting any longer than necessary for their new pool."

Hayley enjoys dream zoo day

THE UK's first-ever Progeria Reunion took place at Port Lympne wild animal park with 12-year-old Hayley Okines making a welcome return visit.

Hayley, who first came to the park in 2005, suffers from an extremely rare genetic condition called Hutchinson Gilford Progeria Syndrome, also known as HGPS or Progeria.

Progeria is a progressive terminal condition that accelerates the process of aging to about eight times the normal rate.

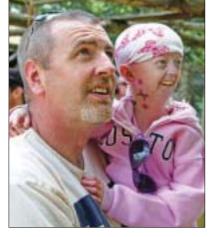
Because of this accelerated aging, a 10-

year-old progeria child will have the appearance of an octogenarian, with symptoms including baldness, arthritis and heart

The average lifespan of children with Progeria is about 13 years. Hayley's parents Mark and Kerry are dedicated to educating and raising awareness about this littleknown disease, which as yet has no cure.

This first UK reunion represented the fulfilment of one of their and Hayley's dreams, and 15 other children who have the condition came from all over Europe.
The children enjoyed talks from park-keep-

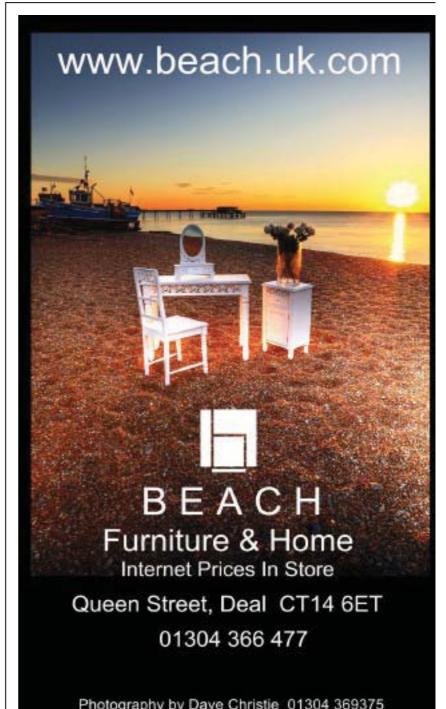
ers and up-close encounters with snakes, spiders and animal artefacts in the mansion before going on a safari through the park, where they met African wildlife, including

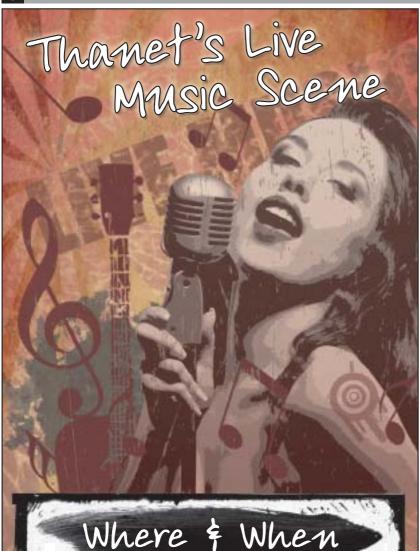


BIG DAY OUT: Hayley Okines with her father Mark

giraffes and zebras. They then got to oversee a gorilla feed before lunch of their own.

After lunch and an African drumming workshop the children relaxed before a disco in the afternoon to complete the day.





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Language test for new immigrants

THE date that compulsory English tests for migrants come into force has been announced by the Minister of State for Immigration.

All non-EU citizens applying to enter the country will have to prove they are able to speak and understand the language from November 29 this year.

Once introduced, the new law will force any applicants from outside Europe to pass an English test before they will be granted a visa to stay in the country. The rules will include anyone applying

The rules will include anyone applying to be the husband, wife or civil partner of any British national or somebody who is settled in the country.

The tests will be compulsory for people living within the UK as well as overseas visa-applicants.

Integrate

The Minister of State for Immigration, Damian Green, said: "The new rules will help ensure that migrant spouses are able to participate in British life from the outset and integrate more easily into wider UK society."

Another announcement from the UK Border Agency is that it is set to abolish the certificate-approval scheme.

The initiative was designed to force anyone in the UK subject to immigration control to apply for the certificate before marrying or entering a civil partnership.

Due to changes following legal rulings, the system is no longer effective at preventing sham marriages. To repeal the act, a remedial act under the Human Rights Act has been laid in Parliament.

The certificate-approval scheme is likely to be abolished completely later this year or early in 2011.

Cruisers are opting to spend more time here

BY NICK AMES

TOURISM in the county has had a bumper summer, according to figures released by Visit Kent.

Statistics for June show more cruisepassengers at Dover are spending time in the county while joining and leaving their ships.

The tourist-information centres have seen a 10 per cent increase in enquiries from people booking tickets, seeking accommodation and finding out about local attractions.

Larger hotels have seen a 6 per cent increase in visitors, while smaller bed-and-breakfasts saw a 1 per cent increase.

June also saw a 7 per cent rise in the number of visitors to attractions, while the same amount also took advantage of cross-Channel services.

The business and conference sector also saw a 10 per cent increase in trade, partially due to companies rescheduling bookings that were disrupted earlier in the year due to the volcanic ash cloud.

The chief executive of Visit Kent, Sandra Matthews-Marsh, said: "This is excellent and very welcome news.

"The start of the 2010 was difficult – not least because the weather did not favour our many outdoor attractions and coastal resorts.



NATURAL APPEAL: Lydden Downs near Dover - the importance of Kent's landscape to its economy is becoming clearer

"The warmer weather has seen people flocking to the coast and our Blue Flag beaches to enjoy the summer sunshine and savouring our splendid gardens and historic houses.

"The market overall is still highly competitive and challenging, particularly for our cross-Channel service-providers and our hotels and guest houses.

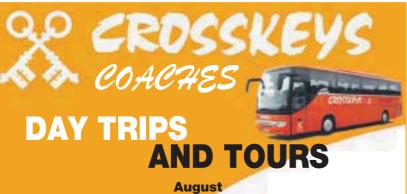
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QUESTION & ANSWER **DAVE LEGG**



Tell us a bit about yourself

I've lived in Dover for five years after mov-I've lived in Dover for five years where from Thanet. I enjoy working on about ratiring after websites and dream about retiring after inventing the next big online craze. Until then I'll keep working for the UK Border Agency.

Briefly describe the Dover Locals website

Dover Locals is a forum that allows residents to come and discuss issues, view events in the area and sell or recycle items. On top of that we have general chat areas, an arcade to play games and a gallery to share photos. We also host the Dover Locals Yearly Awards, when members can vote in categories such as Best Restaurant or Best Local Event.

What was the inspiration behind the web page?

In 2007 I was searching for somewhere to In 2007 I was searching for some talk about a local problem, but the only forum around was closed. So I thought I would try my hand at setting one up. It didn't take long after creating the site that members started joining and the forum proved a hit.

How difficult was it start up the site from scratch?

A The hardest part was choosing the name for the site. I think I had a short-list of

about 20 names before Dover Locals was finally decided on. After the name was chosen, setting the site up wasn't overly difficult as I had some previous experience. However, spreading the word and getting people to visit the site was the next big hurdle.

Mhat type of topics are discussed in the forums?

Everything and anything. We currently have members talking about issues such as the Olympic torch coming through Dover and the new hospital in Buckland. We have general chat sections on the site where anything unrelated to Dover can be discussed, too.

Why should residents get involved with a site like this?

It's a great way of getting in the communi-It's a great way or getting in the comment ty spirit. Residents coming together to help each other, sharing information and having a good old chat. We have a wide variety of members including councillors, organisers of the carnival and regatta and leaders of groups such as Dover Operatic & Dramatic Society and Dover War Memorial Project.

How has the rise of 'superpower' networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter affected Dover Locals?

I would say they have helped Dover Locals As you can register on Dover Locals just by using your Facebook account, so it makes the entire process a lot easier. We've never seen a

decline in activity that has been attributed to any of the networking sites. We all have different things to offer and I'm sure that's why we have remained successful.

How many members has the site had, and do you see this growing in the future?

We currently have more than 930 members A and a total of 65,102 posts. Membership is pretty steady and I can only see the site growing in the future.

What are your plans for the future of the site?

I have so many plans for Dover Locals, it is I have so many plans for pover pourse, a just a struggle trying to find the time to do everything. I think my next step will be to add a directory of services/shops/restaurants and so on which will provide details and allow members to add their comments.

What do you like to do in your free time?

A In my free time I enjoy being with the family and going on long walks around the coast to take in the views and sea air. I think we are extremely lucky to live in such a beautiful place which is often taken for granted.

It's not until everyone's gone to bed that I get time to sit down and work on my websites, which at present is about five sites.

· See www.doverlocals.co.uk to find out more

The creator of the popular Dover Locals website talks to Mathew Beech about the inspiration behind the forum, how it has become a big success in the area and what he intends to do online in the future





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VIP ferry ride for colourful winners

SHOOLCHILDREN were presented with VIP ferry tickets after winning a competition.

Pupils from Goodnestone primary school, near Canterbury, welcomed the DFDS Seaways mascot, Captain Jester, into their school to award the prizes.

The special prizes awarded by the Dover-Dunkirk ferry captain went to 10-year-olds Dragos Culica, Anya Falconer and Evelyn Woodland.

All three won the tickets after entering the company's Operation Dynamo colouring competition.

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Pilots run tests on plane of the future

A REVOLUTIONARY plane has been tested over Dover.

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cockpit of the future.

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The Synthetic Vision System converts flight data into a three-dimensional image of what is outside of the plane.

This will allow the captain to see clearly, even if there is zero visibility outside.

Call for centre to keep memories of The Few alive

A BATTLE of Britain pilot has BY MARIJKE COX backed plans for an education centre to be built in Kent so the confused Prime Minister can come and brush up on his history.

It comes after David Cameron's embarrassing slip in calling Britain a "junior partner" to the United States during the Second World War air battle against Nazi Germany in the summer of 1940 – despite the US not entering the

war until December 1941.

In the furious backlash since the gaffe, Mr Cameron has been accused of forgetting the heroics of those who repelled the Luftwaffe.

Now, the trust behind the Battle of Britain

memorial at Capel-le-Ferne has renewed its appeal for help in raising money for an education centre so future generations can avoid similar mistakes.

The centre will be designed as a livinghistory resource using film and technology to re-create the historic events of 1940.
Wing Commander Bob Foster, who was

just 20 when he took to the skies of Kent to defend his country from invasion, said it was

clear such a centre is needed. "We didn't know it at the time, but the Battle of Britain played a huge role in this nation's history and it's important future generations should be able to understand and remember the events of 1940," said the 90-year-old.

"The fact even the Prime Minister can get confused about the history of such an important conflict makes it clear to me that this hi-tech learning centre will be a welcome addition to the national memorial at Capel-le-Ferne."

Opportunity

The memorial was the setting for the 70th anniversary commemorations on July 11 this year when 5,000 people gathered on the cliff-top to remember the British and Allied forces who fought between July 10 and October 31, 1940.

During the battle, just under 3,000 Allied airmen took to the skies - with some 550 never to return.

The memorial trust chairman, Richard Hunting CBE, said the education centre which aims to give visitors an opportunity to



CLANGER: David Cameron made an embarrassing blunder

experience what it was like to be one of The Few - will help politicians avoid potentially embarrassing slip-ups.

While he accepted that Mr Cameron's comment was an unfortunate mistake, he believes the facility will ensure future generations better understand the significance of the Battle of Britain.

"The youngest of our veterans - 19 of whom joined us on July 11 – is now approaching 90 and we won't have them with us forever," he said.

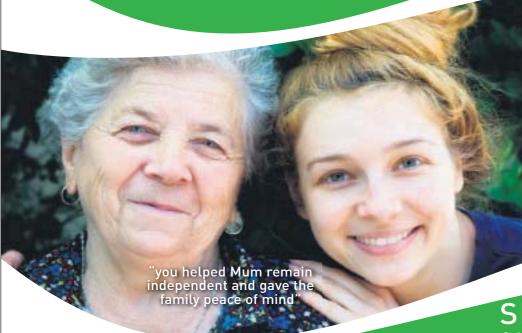
"When we can no longer rely on their memories, young people will need an exciting, relevant visitor centre that will inspire them to keep alive the heroism and sacrifice that kept

our shores safe 70 years ago."

The trust is appealing for help in raising £650,000 to create the visitor attraction.

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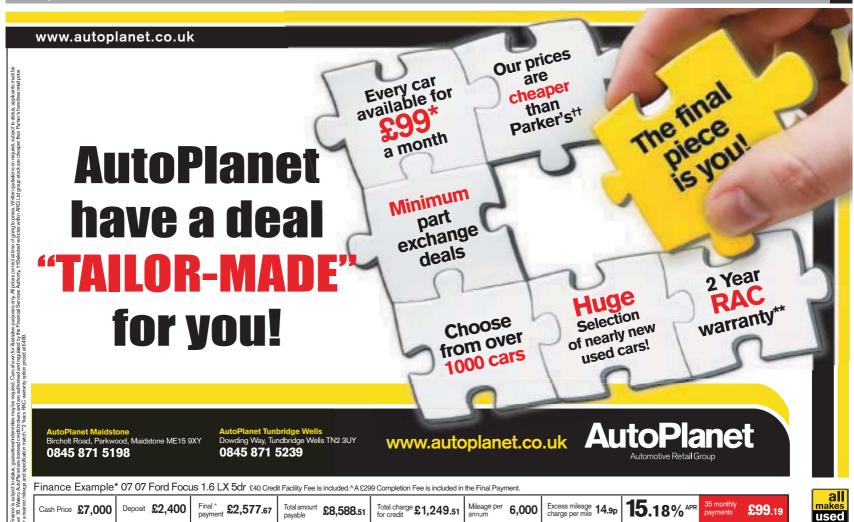
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Celebrations as Castle eyes academy status

CASTLE Community College has been granted academy status.

The college applied earlier in the year and received confirmation that it would be one of some 200 institutions to become academies in September.

Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke has backed the school's campaign, speaking out in the Commons in support of the application.

He said: "Having been a long-term supporter of Castle Community's bid, I am delighted that it will be among the first schools to shift to academy status.

"This is national recognition of the campaign we have all fought and the achievements of this exceptional school.

"I want to particularly praise the inspirational Christine Chapman, who has led this campaign with such great results."

Head-teacher Ms Chapman said: "I am thrilled for our school and our community. Charlie's intervention made a real difference and I'm so grateful for his help in our getting early academy status. "This means our school can continue to

"This means our school can continue to build on our strong academic position and I would like to thank all of our staff, students and parents who have contributed to this result."

The Department for Education's criteria for a school to be granted academy status comprise an outstanding academic record and support for the bid from both the board of governors and parent teacher association.

Mr Elphicke said: "Parents, teachers and governors have all worked very hard to get to this position today and I hope that this will ensure the children of Deal continue to receive the excellent education to which they are entitled."

Special-needs pupils get an education they can bank on

BY **MATHEW BEECH**

A HIGH-STREET bank has been helping youngsters get to grips with finances and bank accounts.

Pupils at Harbour School in Dover have been getting help from staff at NatWest branches in managing their money.

The special-needs school has had a bank opened on the premises run by its students as part of the MoneySense programme.

Students who have obtained jobs at the school bank have received cashier-training.
All the pupils at the school in Elms Vale

All the pupils at the school in Elms Vale Road have the opportunity to pay money into their accounts and will get regular statements, which the NatWest staff will help them work through.

NatWest supports financial education through its MoneySense For Schools programme, the largest financial-education scheme of its kind in the UK.

The programme was set up by the bank to develop business and financial skills among young people.

Since its launch in 1994, more than 3,100 schools in England and Wales have been involved, with the help of some 5,100 NatWest staff, including Sandra Latter, who has been involved in the delivery of this 'branch'.

Teacher Debbie Richards said: "We are delighted Sandra and her team invested the time with our pupils to help them understand what is involved in managing your money.

"The pupils really enjoyed learning about how they can best manage their finances and fully engaged with the bank team on the day.



CASH IN HANDS: A team from NatWest visited Harbour School to teach youngsters money-management techniques

"I would like to thank NatWest for their support and recognising that pupils with special needs can benefit from an understanding of basic money-management so they are better equipped in adult life."

Sandra Latter, regional MoneySense coach for Kent, said: "The importance of financial capability for young people cannot be underestimated, and Harbour School is no exception.

"It is essential the young people are

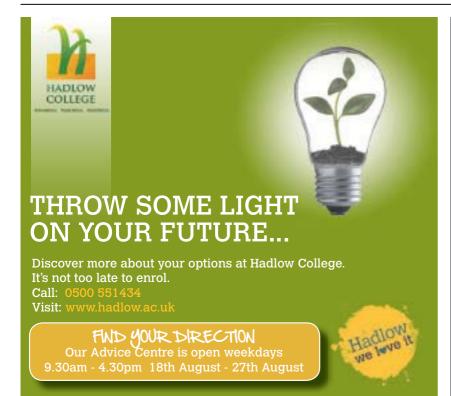
equipped with the skills and confidence to make decisions.

"The pupils at Harbour School who have been selected to run the school bank have shown great interest and enthusiastim to learn the new skills.

"I'm delighted NatWest has been able to help Harbour School and I look forward to continuing to work with them further down the line."

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CHOCKS AWAY: Actor Christopher Plummer, playing Squadron Leader Colin Harvey, in The Jackdaw, in Denton; the pub has become a popular haunt for fans of the film

BBC to air classic film in celebrating Battle of Britain's 70th anniversary

A SPECIAL event in Folkestone is set to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain – fought in the skies above Kent.

The BBC is behind plans to show the classic 1969 war movie Battle of Britain starring Michael Caine, Laurence Olivier and Christopher Plummer at Quarterhouse on Friday (August 20) at 5pm.

Before the film, the audience will be invited to take part in a question-and-answer session with historians and eyewitnesses to the events of 1940.

The BBC will also be showing a selection of films made this year retelling the key stories of the battle 70 years ago.

Spectacular

In 1969, the definitive movie about the Battle of Britain was released for the first time. The film featured a then-stellar cast including Olivier, Caine, Plummer, Ralph Richardson and Ian MacShane.

Many of the film's spectacular flying sequences were shot in the skies above Kent, and real-life Battle of Britain pilots considered them accurate representations of what it was like to fly during the historic dogfights.

While the film's airfield scenes

BY **NICK AMES**

were shot in Essex, one of the key sequences featured The Jackdaw pub in Denton

In the scene, Plummer, playing Squadron Leader Colin Harvey, uses the phone box to speak to his wife Maggie, played by Susannah York.

Threatened

The box is still there – despite being threatened with demolition last year.

Helen Brown, landlady of The Jackdaw, said: "We get a lot of people with connections to the RAF coming here, including some of the pilots who actually flew in the war.

"On the wall are pictures from the film, as well as other mementoes of the pilots and aircrew and their aircraft.

"Film fans come here as well because the pub is instantly recognisable in the movie.

"They all want to see where the filming took place and the wall which was used in the shot is still in place – the exterior has hardly changed either."



ACTION STATIONS: Much of the classic film was shot in 1969 over the skies of Kent

Former Army major is back in the UK after Afghan jail misery

BILL Shaw, 52, the former soldier acquitted of bribery by an Afghan appeal court, is back home in the UK.

appeal court, is back home in the UK.
Mr Shaw, a former Army Major whose
daughter lives in Dover, was found
guilty of bribing officials in March.

But the former military policeman,

who was awarded the MBE for his service with the Royal Military Police in Iraq, Northern Ireland and Cyprus, always said he thought he was paying a legitimate fee to ensure the return of vehicles and on July 4 he was acquitted.

The appeal court cited lack of evi-

dence as the reason for dropping the charges. After spending time with work colleagues from security firm GS4 he flew to Dubai. There he was joined by wife Liz; daughter Lisa Luckyn-Malone, who lives in Dover; and two sons before flying back to the UK.



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YOUR LETTERS

MP should be aiding this port in a storm

Deal relies on the Port of Dover for employment, both directly in terms of jobs and indirectly because of what the port and ferry workers spend in the shops and other local

The ferry companies are facing severe difficulties at the moment.

Any threat to the ferry companies operating out of Dover is not just a threat to Dover, but also to Deal.

It is just the time when our recently-elected MP Charles Elphicke should be working his hardest for his electorate.

But, I am told, the very day that P&O announced possible job cuts was the day when Mr Elphicke departed for his continental holiday.

While I'm sure no one would begrudge Mr Elphicke some time away from his daily commute from his Belgravia home to Westminster, it is a shame that he has chosen to unwind on the sun-drenched beaches of southern Europe just when his constituents need him most.

> Cllr Bryan Henderson (Labour) Deal Town Council, North Deal ward

Can power stations react to rising tide?

While Energy Secretary Chris Huhne may appear to allow for another nuclear station at Dungeness, the circumstances remain clearly against such a move.

This is because all such existing stations, and the proposed new ones, are located on coastal sites that are becoming increasingly vulnerable to sea-level rises.

Indeed the latest reports on the Greenland ice-sheet show very worrying trends.

A panel of scientists warned the US Congress on March 10 that the land-based ice-sheet is facing a melt tipping point within 10 years as world temperatures rise due to

climate change.

They advised that a further rise of just two degrees Centigrade, which is now regarded as an unlikely minimum over the next few decades, would see Greenland's ice melt into the Atlantic causing a worldwide sea-level rise of up to seven metres.

Given that Dungeness and Romney Marsh, along with most of the coastal parts of Shepway, are all under this figure, it would be sheer folly to site another station at the current site for another 60 or

Further, it is already the case that site owners EDF are supposedly going to have to pay for building it without public subsidy, but will they also guarantee to pay for moving the shingle bank because of onshore drift in perpetuity as well?

The UK, as with others, has far too long dragged its feet over implementing a strategy of producing the full range of renewables technologies and other 'green' measures needed to better combat global warming; indeed we may now be

yourblogger

BJ Tritton wonders if his generation can ever be forgiven for such a toxic financial legacy

"A YOUNG man who isn't a socialist hasn't got a heart. An old man who is a socialist hasn't got a head."

So said David Lloyd George. And now we ageing baby boomers are getting the blame for leaving the younger generation to pay for our supposed profligacy

I cannot help but feel this is a distortion. All my life I have defended the welfare state, supported the NHS, had doubts about the free market and felt concern about the economics of home ownership – to name but a few beliefs which could be labeled "socialist"

As a young man, I believed hunger, poverty and inequality could be eradicated. I was aware that for this to happen, especially on a worldwide basis, my own circumstances would be reduced. I was prepared for that, believing quality of life had little to do with the sybaritic standards developing in our society.

I voted for these things, campaigned for these things, made my feelings known - often to disapprobation, if not ridicule, from my peers. Not all of them; there were many who felt the same way. But nothing happened.

The inequalities and economic absurdities continued.

My wife and I gave up good jobs and moved to rural Wales, eking out a living in tourism and agriculture, believing there was a possibility capitalism would collapse. Still nothing happened. Despite recession in the early 1970s, society recovered and began to rebuild the house of cards again. Then something happened to me.

The heart began to lose its influence and the head took precedence. By now we had three sons. I realised it was not my place to inflict upon them a lower standard of living, but to give them all the advantages I could. If they later chose to deny materialism, that had to be their decision, not mine.

I went back to the rat race, played the property game, took financial risks. Am I partly to blame for the imminent collapse of the welfare state? For the debt we are

foisting on the younger generation? Of course I am. Every individual has a responsibility for the society in which they live. But to blame a whole generation for taking advantage of a situation into which we were actively encouraged is absurd. We did it for our children. We are still doing it for our children. Baby boomers are acting as unpaid child minders, subsidising middle-aged children with families, still supporting the generation we are accused of abandoning.

Yes, I fear for the future. I grew up with a welfare state and the NHS. To see it withering away frightens me for the sake of coming generations. I am equally concerned that essential aspects of society are threatened while unnecessary and immoral elements such as

Trident renewal seem to survive.

As an individual – and there are many like me – I am more than prepared, for the sake of the generations we are accused of abandoning to an insecure future, to pay more taxes to support a welfare state.

Not, I think, an attitude of a greedy, inconsiderate, parasitic baby boomer. To take from those who can afford it is a better road than to cut services to those who need them. As to those coming generations to whom we are leaving such a poisoned legacy.; I admit to my part. Now take your part. Hopefully, you can make a better job of it than we did.

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too late to keep temperature rises to 2C by 2050 or so; but if we were to take a lead on this now we may still be able to avoid the worst consequences for our decendants and avoid leaving them with further nuclear waste problems and costs.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

Mixed messages not good for immigration

At the time of the general election the Liberal Democrate and the Conservatives had policies on immigration that were essentially diametrically opposed to each other.
Nick Clegg's Lib Dems promised

an amnesty for more than one million illegal immigrants and a liberal open-door regime, while David Cameron for the Tories promised to put a firm cap on immigration from outside the European Union and only to allow in essential highly-skilled workers.

After three months of coalition the country's immigration policy is now in tatters and we have neither one thing or the other.

Outside No 10, Mr Cameron tells us he is capping non EU immigration, yet by the back door the Skills Secretary Vince Cable says he is letting in thousands of IT workers from India and elsewhere on intercompany transfers and even more students going to bogus language

Caps that are promised, then apparently exempt hairdressers, circus artists, fitness trainers and any

foreign footballer capable of playing for their national team and undermining own home-grown talent.

But what must really concern us all about the coalition's immigration policy is Mr Cameron recent well-publicised support for Turkey's entry into the European Union. Never mind that Turkey is not

fully part of Europe as most of us know it. Never mind that it has borders with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iraq, Iran, Syria etc.

The fact that it has a population of more than 72 million people, who under the EU treaty, would be free to come and work and live here torpedoes any hope we have of controlling immigration and keeping the United Kingdom's population

within manageable limits.
With Britain's population growth already outpacing the rest of Europe, and with the population set to hit 70 million by 2029, we can no longer afford to fudge immigration policy or maintain the luxury of looking both ways at once for fear of upsetting people with the unwelcome truth that immigration has to be brought under strict control.

Control that will only be jeopardised by cut backs in public services such as the UK Borders Agency staff at Dover and Heathrow or in police numbers by thousands across the country and cutbacks in benefit offices and courts.

Any coalition is always a compromise, but when that compromise is clouded by double vision on immigration it threatens the nation's economic and social stability and as such is not a price worth paying.

Cameron and Clegg can't have it both ways.

They must either act now to stop further immigration and withdraw Turkey's invitation to join the EU or face up to the reality that time is running out in the UK those for politicians and parties who would rather ignore the issue and hope it will just go away. It won't.

Donald Worsley, Folkestone and **Hythe Labour Party**

Bullfighting ban step in the right direction

I was delighted to hear that the Parliament of Catalonia has voted to ban bullfighting, despite its place in Spain's cultural tradition.

For a long time I have been concerned by this barbaric practice and last week was an important step towards the total ban I would like to see.

Bullfighting is a continuation of a cruel age from the past, in which the suffering of animals was a spectacle for public entertainment.

Since being elected I have received numerous letters objecting to bullfighting.

I am determined to make sure that no money from the EU is ever used to fund this bloody tradition.

I look forward to the day when this ban is extended across the whole of Spain.

Catherine Bearder MEP (Liberal Democrats). South East England

Trident is deterring jobs not attacks

The most expensive single element of the Government's future defence budget is Trident nuclear-missile renewal, at about £97 billion over the life of the system.

Since the coalition government was formed, the Ministry of Defence and the main opposition party are all divided about this expenditure - there is good reason to cancel this spending.

Kent Green Party asserts that with this cut, fair taxation and a closure of tax havens, the excessive cuts now hitting front-line services could be abandoned.

Continuing on the coalition's present path, as many economists are arguing, will lead to a 'doubledip recession'.

Kent Green Party does not

accept that nuclear weapons are a 'deterrent.' If this was the case, then Argentina would never have attacked the Falkland Islands.

Similarly, Georgia would not have taken the risk that its actions might provoke the Russian Federation, a state with nuclear weapons, to attack Georgia.

In short, nuclear 'deterrence' is a big lie and people should not be paying with their jobs in Kent and Medway to keep Trident or other British nuclear weapons.

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki this month should be marked by the coalition cancelling Trident as its contribution to reducing nuclear proliferation.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

Working to stop cycle of our jobless families

Nearly one in eight children living in the South East are growing up in a home where no one has a job.

Alarmingly, this equates to 176,000 youngsters who, according to a new report from The Prince's Trust and Qa Research, are significantly more likely to struggle when it comes to finding work.

For many growing up in workless families, it is 'normal' not to have a job, not to go to work and earn a steady wage. Many lack confidence yet we know that they want to work. In the South East, eight in ten say that finding a good job is their main priority for the future.

Qa Research has found that young people across the region are facing a cycle of worklessness and many can't see a way out.

It is an absolute tragedy to think that so many feel condemned to a life on benefits when they are capable of so much more.

It is organisations like The Prince's Trust, working with local councils, businesses and individuals, that are key to helping young people into jobs. Only by giving them skills, confidence and positive role models can we help them escape unemployment for good.

If we don't do anything, this cycle will continue to blight these families for generations to come.

Rosemary Watt-Wyness, South East regional director, The Prince's Trust



ON SONG: Former Spandau Ballet lead singer Tony Hadley was amongst the stars taking part last year

Star-studded day on course to top £2m for charity

COMEDIAN Dave Lee is hitting the golf course with a host of celebrities to help raise funds to send disabled, underprivileged and terminally ill children on holiday.

The event will bring together avid golfers and stars of stage and screen to battle it out for the title of champion, while raising money for Dave Lee's Happy Holidays.

Last year, Spandau Ballet frontman Tony Hadley and ex-footballer Neil Ruddock were among the 30 celebrities involved and around £25,000 was raised.

The aim is to raise hopefully more this year. Celebrities expected to attend include comedians Jim Davidson, Bradley Walsh, Joe Pasquale, TV presenter Stephen Mulhern, ex EastEnders' stars Emma Barton and Shaun Williamson, plus from the world of sport Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp and former boxing world champ Barry McGuigan.

For Dave, from Herne, near Canterbury, this year's golf day is even more significant, with the charity close to reaching the $\pounds 2$ million mark in money raised since it started in 1994.

"Everybody would be so pleased if we reached

BY **ROSANNA TENNANT**

this target," said Dave. "The charity is run by volunteers - nobody is paid - with all money raised going towards holidays for disabled, underprivi-leged and terminally ill children from Kent. "We've got five holiday homes at Camber Sands and we've sent more than 45,000 chil-

dren and their families on holidays.

Trips have included Tenerife, Disneyland Paris and Disney World in Florida.

Some 1,200 children are also sent to see a Christmas pantomime. This year's Marlowe Theatre panto will be Robin Hood and Dave will be starring as Nurse Nelly, nurse maid to Maid Marion.

The KOS Media sponsored charity golf is on Sunday, September 5, at Chart Hills golf club in Biddenden.

A charity dinner in the evening, which last year saw 350 guests, will include a cabaret act from Bobby Davro, music from Chas Hodges – formerly of Chas and Dave - and his band, plus

For visitors, the gates open at 10am and



RAISE A SMILE: Dave Lee's charity hopes to hit £2m mark

admission is £5 (children free). There will be free parking, a bar and on course catering. The event organisers are expecting between 2,000 and 12,000 people.

Teams of three are being encouraged to sign up to play, with a celebrity picked to play with them. The cost is £700, including 18 holes of golf on the Nick Faldo designed course, breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and a four-course meal.

Those wanting to come only to the dinner can pay £85 (per head?)

It looks set to be a great day out for all the family, with autograph opportunities and the chance to chat with celebrities so don't forget vour camera.

To sign up, call Mr Aylward on 01732 456505 or 07834 468664 or email daveleehappyholidays@tiscali.co.uk.

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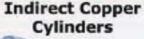






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DAY & NIGHT

Fantasy art on show

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The exhibition will be on display upstairs at the Old Custom House in Harbour Parade from Friday to Sunday. For details call 01843 581427 or 07749 572388 or go to www.cyrilparfitt.co.uk.

Celebrate world music

WORLD music will be celebrated at Chilli Fried: The Afro-Latin Beat. Music for Change presents

Music for Change presents BouGaRaBou and DJ Jamie Renton at the East Quay Venue at Whitstable Harbour from 8pm on Friday. Tickets cost £8 in advance from Hotel Continental or £10 on the door. For details visit www.musicforchange.org.

Jazz legend at Grand

ENJOY live jazz by the Richard Rozze Quintet at The Grand in Folkestone on Thursday night.

Jazz trumpet legend Dick Pearce will join Rozze on guitar, Perry White on keyboard, Olly Blanchflower on double bass and Vince Price on drums.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6. To book call 01303 277175.

Write your own soap

YOUNG people can write and perform a mini soap opera for Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival.

Anyone aged 12 and above can join the workshops at Ashford Adult Education Centre from Monday to next Friday and Tuesday, August 3. The work will be performed at the Memorial Gardens on September 18. For details visit www.shared-space.org.uk.

Comedy while you dine

GET ready to giggle when the Comedy Club returns to Ashford International Hotel on Friday.

MC Padraig Hyland will appear with Andy White and Eddy Brimson. The show starts at 9pm and tickets cost £16, or £22 including a two-course meal, with a discount for members. Book on 01233 219988 or visit www.hahaheehee.com.

Music at bandstand

FREE live music is on offer at Dane John Gardens in Canterbury this weekend with Bands on the Stand.

Organised by swing and jive band, the Goosebumps, the free event features runs from noon to 6pm on Sunday.

The event will raise money for the British Red Cross. To find out more visit www.goosebumpsmusic.co.uk.

Thriller by Gaslight

A NEWLY-married woman fears for her sanity when strange things happen in Patrick Hamilton's thriller, Gaslight.

The show runs at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs from Thursday to Sunday. Tickets cost £10.50 or £12.50 for non-members of Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, who must book a day in advance on 0845 262 6263 or emailing info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Rare chance to see top comic

ROSS NOBLE

Tuesday, September 14 Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

CULT comedian Ross Noble will be performing for a lucky audience in Canterbury next month.

The affable comic usually plays to very large venues and has achieved the best-selling show at both the Edinburgh Festival and Melbourne International Festival. Yet the long-haired funny man will be entertaining his fans in the relatively intimate surroundings of the Gulbenkian when he warms up for his new tour, Nonsensory Overload.

Tickets for Noble's shows always sell fast, but at the time of writing, a handful of tickets remain, so book without delay if you want to see this highly-gifted and acclaimed comedian

Although Noble mostly turns down offers to appear on television, he has earned a huge following during his years in the comedy busi-

Much of his popularity has spread by word of mouth and he has unveiled a new stand-up show every year since 1999, taking his high energy and original style of comedy as far afield as Australia on a regular basis.

Raised in Cramlington in Northumberland, Noble's comedy career started as a child when he performed a street show with a friend. When his mate grew bored of the act, Noble decided to go it alone and made his comedy club debut at the age of just 15.

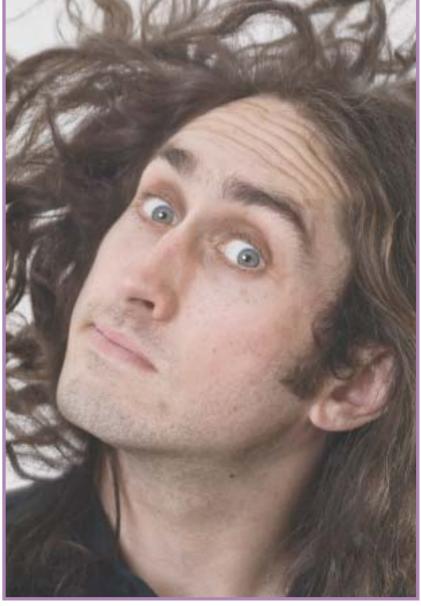
Due to licensing laws, the young comic had to be smuggled out through the club's kitchen straight after his set, but Noble's stellar career had taken off.

The only non-comedy jobs he has ever had were selling juggling kits in a department store and selling balloons for a travelling clown troupe, for whom he performed as a stilt walker. But his high level of critical and popular acclaim has allowed Noble to make his career mostly on the stage.

Noble's popularity has continued to soar over the years, with many fans raving about his extraordinary talent and mostly adlibbed shows. Although he claims to write gags in 'various tatty notebooks', he is renowned for his ability to spin off on random tangents and perform shows that are often largely inspired on the spot.

In this respect, Noble has been recognised as a truly remarkable performer. His achievements include being nominated for the Perrier Award for his 1999 stand-up show Laser Boy, along with winning the Barry Award, the Time Out Award and numerous other accolades

Although Noble is often busy touring, he has accepted offers to appear on such television shows as Have I Got News for You, Jack Dee Live at the Apollo, Room 101 and Friday Night



with Jonathan Ross. On radio, he is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's Just a Minute and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.

Noble's worldwide travels have also led to

the comic becoming the star of his own shows, including the Radio 4 series Ross Noble Goes Global and Ross Noble On.

Noble used to live in Australia with his wife and daughter until their home was destroyed by last year's bush fires, and the family has since moved back to the UK.

He cites Billy Connolly as one of his comic heroes, saying on his website that the Big Yin is 'the greatest stand-up this country has produced and I would love to still be doing it at his

The show is suitable for over-15s and starts at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £16. To book call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.thegulbenkian.co.uk.



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at Warner Norton Grange

3 Nights from only £199pp

Friday 5 to 8 Nov 2010 Tour NG11-2

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Price includes:

• FREE Bar from 15.30hrs to 23:00hrs on Friday and 12.00hrs to 23.00hrs on Saturday & Sunday. Drinks include tea/coffee, pumped

soft drinks & mixers, wine by the glass, house beers & spirits

- Full programme of variety entertainment and activities
- Meals: 3 dinners and 3 breakfasts
- · Accommodation: 3 nights sharing a twin or double bedded en-suite chalet - upgrades available - Standard Plus £219pp - Premier
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Friday 25 to 28 Feb 2011 Tour MB2

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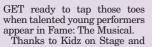
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FAME: THE MUSICAL

Wednesday, August 25, to Saturday, August 28, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



the Community Theatre Project, young people from the Shepway area will be showing off their dancing, singing and acting skills. The cast and crew will have had just two weeks to perfect the show, before seven electrifying performances.

Follow the fortunes of young show business hopefuls as they take their first steps to fame at the School of Performing Arts in New York. Find out who will

reach for the stars and who will fall by the wayside as they all strive to achieve their dreams.

Hit songs include Bring on Tomorrow, Dancing on the Sidewalk, Hard Work and the unforgettable title number, Fame. The cast includes Callum Erskine as Nick Piazza, Harriet Dury as Serena Katz, Jo Batchelor as Joe Vegas, Sam Humphries as Tyrone Jackson and Sophie Nunn as Carmen

Tickets cost £12/£10. To book call 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



FROM FILM AND FOOTLIGHTS

Thursday, August 19, Town Hall, Dover

AN EXCLUSIVE scene and song from Shrek the Musical can be seen this week, before the show hits the West End.

The extract from the new Broadway musical will be performed by members of Dover Youth Theatre during their next production, From Film and Footlights.

Following six days of intensive workshop rehearsals, 25 talented local performers will be regaling the audience with scenes and musical numbers from a variety of popular films and stage shows.

The young actors have been working with Marie Kelly-Thomas, Michael Thomas and

West End director, Pete Faint, to

create the show.

Faint has directed such highprofile productions as Chicago, The Rat Pack, Carousel, Annie, Jesus Christ Superstar and Miss Saigon.

Highlights in Thursday's show include moments from Sunset Boulevard. Brigadoon. Shakespeare in Hollywood, Shakespeare in Love and Sister Act, along with the exclusive taster of Shrek the Musical.

The role of the big green ogre will be played by 17-year-old Ben Steele, a local actor who studies at Canterbury College.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and admission is free.

DIPPERS AND DUNKERS

Friday, August 20, to Friday, August 27 Various venues, Margate

MARGATE plays host to a week of saucy seaside fun with the return of the Dippers and Dunkers.

As part of Thanet's Summer of Festivals series, the event returns for a second year to offer Margate's famous traditions with a contemporary twist. Named after the Victorian locals who 'dipped and dunked' their visitors in the sea, the week-long extravaganza features traditional entertainment.

National and international stars of the New Variety scene will appear in the Sassy Seaside Show at the Theatre Royal Margate on Friday and Saturday, with Romany, the Magic Circle's Magician of the Year, heading straight from her Las Vegas show to act as host.

Some captivating sideshows will be on offer in the Old Town, such as the Headless Lady, the Legless Lady and the Monster Show. Learn about the saucy history of British burlesque in A Glimpse of Stocking, laugh the night away with comedian Earl Okin and marvel at the exhibits in the Insect

To find out more visit the festival website at www.dippersanddunkers.org.uk.



BROADSTAIRS WATER GALA

Wednesday, August 25,

Victoria Gardens & Promenade, Broadstairs

TRADITIONAL family entertainment can be enjoyed at next week's Broadstairs Water Gala.

Sponsored by KOS Media, the annual event boasts new

games and competitions this year. The event gets underway at 9.30am with the Teddy Bear's Picnic at Lillyputt Mini Golf on Victoria Parade. Those who would like to test their strength can take part in the greasy pole com-

petition, the Tug o' War and the beach volleyball contest.

Teams who would like to tackle the pole or take part in the Millers and Sweeps Raft Race should contact the harbour master, Andy Wood, on 07847 473615.

Swimmers can take part in the sponsored swim from

Ramsgate main beach to Viking Bay by calling Neil Morgan on 07812 991445.

The beach hut decoration competition takes the theme of Club Tropicana this year and huts can be hired daily by contacting the Day Inspector, by the Viking Bay Café. With lots of traditional seaside games, a funfair, craft stalls, live music and evening fireworks, there is lots to look forward to.

To find out more call 01227 700894 or 07789 746828.



SCULPTURE AT THE SECRET GARDEN

Monday, August 23, to Monday, August 30, The Secret Gardens, Sandwich

STUNNING art work will be displayed alongside nature when the Secret Gardens host the third annual sculpture exhibition.

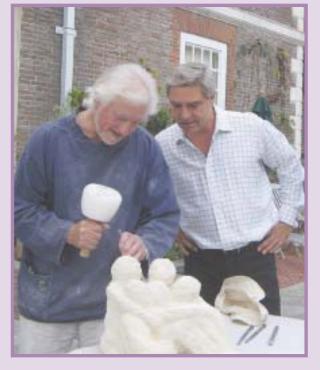
As part of Sandwich Festival, the gardens become a living art gallery next week to

showcase the work of art group Pure Form.
Founded by local artists and sculptor
Patrick Crouch, the group creates works of art from mostly reclaimed pieces of old architecture from Canterbury's historic buildings. These include pieces taken from the cathedral during restoration work.

Pure Form has up to 70 members from a diverse range of backgrounds and more than 35 artists will be taking part in the exhibition.

Visitors to the Secret Gardens will also be able to see sculpting in action as pieces are created from raw materials. This year, all the exhibits will be auctioned on the last day of the exhibition.

The Secret Gardens are open from 10am to 5pm daily as part of Sandwich Festival Week. Admission costs £6/£5.50 for adults, £3 for children and is free for under-sixes. To find out more visit the website at www.the-secretgardens.co.uk.



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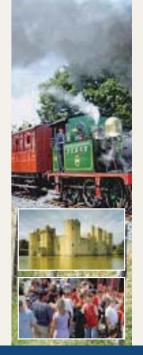
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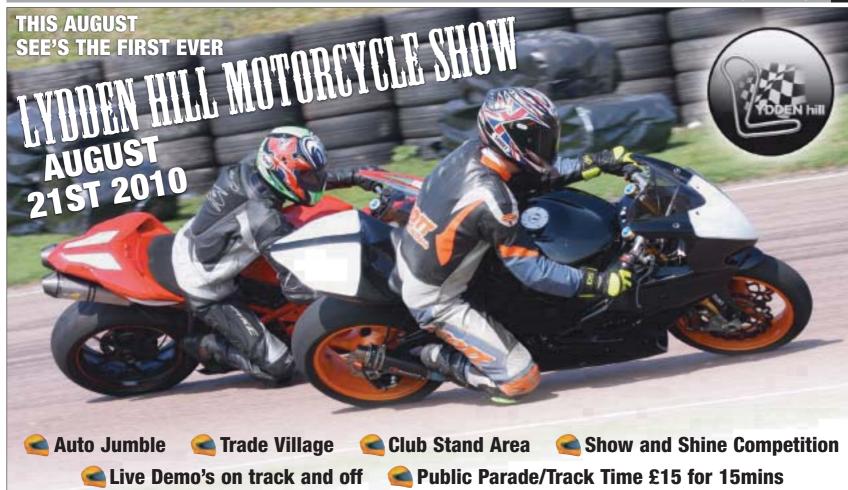
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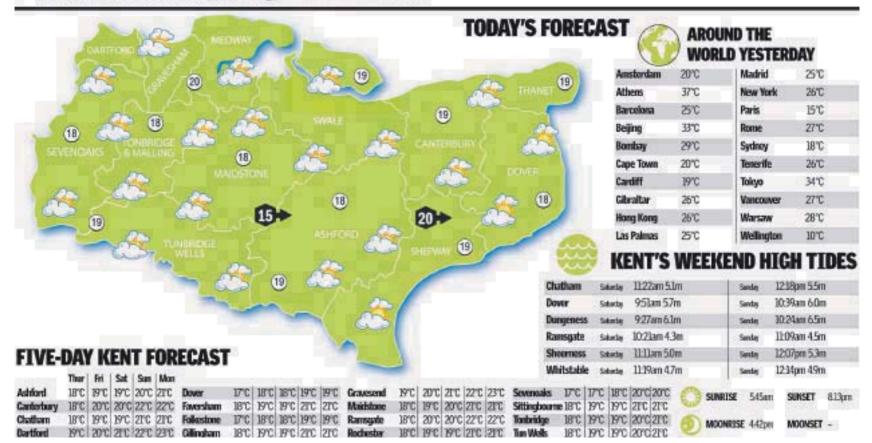
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Airbender fails to come out on top in battle for our hearts and minds

BY **DAMON SMITH**

M NIGHT Shyamalan is an odd choice to direct a special effectsladen adventure based on the popular Nickelodeon animated TV series, Avatar: The Last Airbender.

After all, this is the filmmaker who allowed us all to see dead people in The Sixth Sense, created a modern day superhero in Unbreakable and allowed an enraged Mother Nature to slaughter most of mankind in The Happening.

The Last Airbender is a very different beast: a big budget journey of discovery, punctuated by sprawling battle sequences on a similarly grand scale to The Lord Of The Rings trilogy, that relies heavily on spectacle rather than substance or Shyamalan's famed narrative

The writer-director juggles the myriad technical elements, but he is occasionally let down by unconvincing digital effects that look more like a cartoon than live action.

Moreover, some of the performances are more wooden than the gargantuan sets, creating repeated moments of unintentional hilarity that cuts through the dramatic tension.

The worst offender is a seemingly innocuous line from a village elder about her young

charge being "the last bender" for miles. Orphaned siblings Sokka (Jackson Rathbone) and Katara (Nicola Peltz) discover a young boy called Aang (Noah Ringer) frozen

in the ice near their village.

The tyke is covered in strange tattoos and the siblings surmise that Aang must be the Avatar, destined to manipulate the four elements (air, water, earth, fire).

No sooner have the children arrived back at their village than outcast Prince Zuko (Dev Patel) from the Fire Nation and his soldiers capture Aang and hold him hostage aboard their ship. Thankfully, the prisoner escapes and begins the journey back to his temple, accompanied by Sokka and Katara.



TATTOED STRANGER: Noah Ringer as Aang, the Avatar who faces the tough task of stopping the Fire Nation enslaving the Water, Air and Earth Nations

Meanwhile, Zuko's father Fire Lord Ozai (Cliff Curtis) entreats trusted Commander Zhao (Aasif Mandvi) to find Aang, and prevent the boy from achieving his destiny.

The Last Airbender screens in 3D in selected cinemas, but the increasingly popular format was an afterthought, so don't bother paying the additional ticket prices for the honour of wearing uncomfortable plastic spectacles.

A caption card at the beginning reads Book

One: Water and it quickly becomes clear that this is the first film in a potential series.

It's hard to imagine subsequent chapters ever making it to the big screen.

Ringer is a likeable hero, struggling to comprehend his pre-ordained path, and Patel wrings as much pathos as possible from his underwritten role as the exiled prodigal son.
Watery special effects aren't convincing, and

a pivotal scene in which one character sacri-

fices their life for the good of mankind fails to bring a tear to the eye.

"[Aang] will begin to win hearts because it's in hearts that all wars are won," says one sage. Regrettably, in the battle for our hearts and minds, Shyamalan comes up short.





CHALLENGE: Amish teenagers are thrown in at the deep end of British culture



YOUR TV REVIEW AMISH: WORLD'S SQUAREST TEENAGERS: Channel 4, 8pm, Sunday

WHEN a television programme puts God-fearing Amish teenagers with their British counterparts to experi-ence the extremes of our society, we know we can expect tantrums, shouting and denunciations.

But watching 'Amish: World's Squarest Teenagers' that is precisely not what we get.

Channel 4's latest reality television offering went for the usual inflammatory mix of people who really should never meet.

In this case, the cast was barn-raising, electricity-shunning Christians and a parade of Britain's finest ghetto kids, festival-goers and toffs.

The programme was interspersed with bible-readings from an Amish elder, showing the Good Book disapproving of the English teenagers' wild and wicked ways

But instead of Wife Swap-style

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

recriminations, there was something absolutely wonderful about watching these quiet, calm, thoughtful youngsters learning about how we live.

Instead of telling everyone they are damned to a fiery afterlife, the five Amish youngsters, who had never drunk, smoked, heard rock music or encountered crime before, learned incredibly touching lessons from their British counterparts.

When welcomed on to a London estate by a family and shown stabbing sites and urban dancing, the three boys and two girls wonder at the warmth they are shown. They even accept provocative dancing may actually be a good thing if it keeps teenagers off the streets.

During the weekly show we got to

see the amazement on the teenagers' faces when they saw the sea for the first time, share one of the girls' joy when she danced for the first time, and watch when the Christians joined a choir to pay tribute to a 14year-old who has been stabbed.

The Americans also relaxed their strict rules to paint, go shopping and

play the guitar.
And the English vagabonds
learned lessons too. The inner-city
kids were trashed at rounders by the active Americans, and the festivalloving girls were provoked into deep thought about the way they dress

The episodes were not without tensions, troubles and tears, but the individuals gave a refreshing break from the usual shouting matches.

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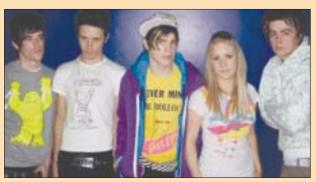
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Intimate gig is a real must-see



MAKING IT BIG: Hadouken - 'grimey beats and a dollop of fluoro-pop sensibility'

SYNTH stars Hadouken are heading to Kent later this year as part of their 14-date UK tour.

The energetic fluorescent-loving five-piece, who take their name from a once-mindblowing move in the legendary Street Fighter game series – will perform at Ashford School's Brake Hall on Friday, October 29.

It's a must-see for all you grime/electro/rap crossover fans.

The Leeds-based outfit, who formed in 2006, have already built up a loyal fanbase across the UK and are on the verge of making it big, and they've got that Klaxonsesque multi-genre sound to thank for their success

HMV described them as "a collision of grimey beats, razor-sharp lyrical dissection of nightlife and a whole dollop of fluoro-pop sensibility

Add the catchiest of catchy beats and an infectiously hyper and eager frontman in James Smith and you're half way to cap-

BY SIMON ROBINSON

turing the full Hadouken effect. The band's debut album, Music For An Accelerated Culture, sold more than 100,000 copies and saw them take the Best Electronic Artist/DJ category at the BT Digital Music Award in 2008.

Last year's follow-up album For the Masses drew similar praise and more is expected of their third, as yet unnamed, release.

Hadouken's Ashford gig was lined up after the band decided to spice up their latest tour by play-

ing smaller shows.

With mainstream success on the horizon, it may be some time before Hadouken return to Ashford, so buy your ticket now.

The Brake Hall show is run in

association with online radio station Filth FM, founded by Thomas Webb, who will also be DJing.

Support comes in the form of Out Like A Lion, whose single Back to Front is out next month.

The four-piece, who've supported the likes of Florence and the

Machine and Babyshambles, played Glastonbury Ashford's own Create Festival this year.

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The village shop, a two-minute walk away before breakfast, boasted 'Provisions' on



rgetaways

Why holiday Norfolk is more than just the beautiful Broads

BY **GARY WRIGHT**

AS my 13-year-old son and I paddled our canoe from narrow waterway, which had us ducking vegetation like something from a King Kong film (his description), we suddenly burst out on to the South Walsham Broad.

I bet no-one who saw us skimming across the expanse of still water, surrounded by lush, green countryside, would have guessed that half an hour earlier neither of us had been

in a canoe before – it was easy. South Walsham Broad is the only private broad among the 120-odd miles of waterways that make up Norfolk's biggest tourist draw.

The Broads are beautiful, and while parts are packed with pleasure craft, you can easily escape the crowds.

I was surprised to learn that the Broads are man-made. Peat dug for heat between the 1100s and 1300s filled as sea levels rose and by the 16th century the navigable Broads became a vital part of the county's transport system.

Norfolk boasts more medieval churches per square mile than anywhere else in the world (it also has a tradition of village signs too, which show the history of the village there are more than 500).

We stayed in a beautiful cottage in the tiny village of New Buckenham, 300 yards from a Norman castle, 10 miles south of Norwich, but lightyears away from the 21st centu-

Unfortunately bread wasn't deliv-

FACT FILE: NORFOLK

Gary Wright was a guest of Norfolk Country Cottages

His family stayed at the three-bedroom Carpenter's Cottage in New Buckenham (right) costing £400 and £550 for the week. More details of holiday homes and accommodation at www.norfolkcottages.co.uk. Contact direct on 01603 871872 or email info@norfolkcottages.co.uk

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ered until later and there wouldn't

be any eggs until tomorrow. Just up the road though, outside a rambling home, were plenty of eggs at 90p a dozen with an honesty box alongside. There were even pictures of 'the girls' who'd laid them.

Much of Norfolk feels like that, and there were lots of honesty boxes for all manner of local produce. It can still make you think you have stepped back in time.

It has no motorways, so accept that driving even 20 miles will take

40 minutes, and enjoy the scenery.

Better still, dump the car and take a bicycle. There are no steep hills and there are miles of cycle-ways.

Norwich, by contrast, is a bustling city with shopping to please everyone, from designer names to market stalls and unique shops in intricate little Lanes like Brighton. But all the time its spectacular cathedral and dramatic castle remind you of its affluent past.

Seaside fans will love Great Yarmouth, a kiss-me-quick town on the east coast with miles of sandy beaches. Its pleasure beach provides top-notch funfair rides with a dose of adrenaline and the wooden roller coaster, complete with brake-man in the middle, shows thrill rides haven't changed much in 50 years.

Cromer on the North Norfolk coast is far more traditional, and handy for the North Norfolk Steam Railway from nearby Sheringham -10 miles of pure nostalgia.

After a week I was sorry to leave. It is a gentler pace of life with a welcome in every pub and restaurant. We'll definitely be back.

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MOTORS NEWS



Suzuki release a timely crossover reminder

SUZUKI has created a new flagship SX4 model.

The SZ5 4x4 (from £14,235) is available with a 1.6-litre petrol or 2.0-litre diesel unit, comes with 4x4 as standard and looks like a smart bid to remind the market that Suzuki anticipated the new vogue for 'crossovers' – family hatchbacks with 'funky chunky' SUV styling.

In diesel format, it can average at least 50mpg and run in economical two-wheel or four-wheel drive. Cheaper front-wheel drive versions of the SX4 start at £11,750.



Lexus offers IS gifts as part of its celebrations

TOYOTA luxury arm Lexus is marking 20 years in the UK with special Celebration Edition offers on its IS junior executive model.

For a limited period, IS models come with a free upgrade to IS F-Sport standard for the price of an equivalent IS 250 or 220d diesel SE-I model.

This brings alloys, leather sports front seats, aluminium pedals, sports steering wheel, boot spoiler and other extras together worth £1,680. The all new IS also comes with three years' complimentary



Good news: the Qashqai has just got even better

NISSAN'S Qashqai – one of Britain's best-selling homegrown models – has received an upgrade.

Emissions and fuel-saving Stop/Start features as a £200 option on 1.6-litre petrol variants and brings road tax benefits, while the 1.5-litre dCi diesel equivalent—the pick of the range—is greener and more powerful (rising from 105bhp to 108bhp).

Nissan has also boosted the n-tec luxury grade by adding 18-inch alloys as standard while a new £250 option brings chrome highlights inside and out.



SPANISH STYLE: Although the Leon FR's interior feels cheap and the dashboard is generally drab, the car is great fun to drive with an automatic 'box or manual F1-style paddles

Seat have a hot hatch with coupé style rolled into one

YOU don't need to climb into the Leon FR to be seduced.

Our test car looked superb in what the Spanish 'Auto Emocion' brand calls 'Speed Blue' – a £550 option from Seat's so-called custom palette, which looks suspiciously like what the trade also used to call 'base colours' ie the non-metallics.

But here's the thing; Seats invariably look great in bold colours and people seem happy to pay extra to escape the monochromic motoring hell that was two decades of silver and grey metallic.

Our car was also shod with 18-inch Orion black alloys (£510) making it sure to turn heads.

It's not even Seat's hottest Leon yet the FR looks fiery enough with its coupé lines and twin-chromed exhausts.

And you are still being led by the nose as you grip the fat leather wheel and note tasteful red seat stitching, but then things unravel – the rest of the cabin is dull; it is durable, but details can feel cheap and the dashboard is generally drab.

It's a shame, when the Leon cabin is practical and spacious and the car so entertaining,

ROAD TEST SEAT LEON FR

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

using the excellent VW Golf platform and well-known VW powertrains, while infused with the character of Seat itself.

The test car was particular fun with a 170PS (167bhp) 2.0-litre turbodiesel plus six-speed/twin clutch VW DSG gearbox.

It might sound like a contradiction, but this automatic box is the perfect partner for a sporting car in the real world; it changes itself when you are bogged down in traffic, but you can race through the gears yourself on a clear road by using F1-style paddles on the wheel.

It's even slightly faster than the manual, taking eight seconds to reach 62mph, and only marginally worse on fuel.

Providing you use gearbox and chassis sensibly, it will average around 50mpg and attracts just £125/year in road tax – not bad for such a sporting car mixing reassuring grip and handling with a decent ride.

However, to spec up with the bold colour and alloys plus that highly attractive gearbox you will add £2,310 to the £19,490 of our FR CR model – a lot of money when you consider that the Leon range starts at a modest £13,975.





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New-builds to be less of a taxing proposition?

A CHANGE to tax proposals could mean that new-build properties become more popular with buyers, according to one property expert.

The Government is considering a higher stamp duty tax for homes that are poorly insulated. Homes that lose large amounts of energy through draughty windows and poorly insulated lofts would be subject to the higher tax, say experts.

Reacting to the claims, the founder of newhomesforsale.co.uk Vernon Pethard said people will be encouraged to buy new homes to avoid falling foul of this tax.

duty on older, poorly insulated homes is likely to deter people from buying one because it's not always possible to bring them up to modern standards," he said.

UK best for investors in commercial property

COMMERCIAL property insurance customers have been told there is little reason to believe the UK commercial property market has become overvalued as a result of recent price rises.

Ed Stansfield, property economist, suggested the UK had seen "one of the bigger corrections" of all global commercial property markets during the downturn and, equally, one of the larger recoveries.

"The bottom line is that there is not a lot of evidence to suggest the UK market had become overvalued as a result of the upswing," he said.

Mr Stansfield's comments follow the Global Investment Perspective report by HSBC, which claimed the UK remains the most attractive commercial property market for investors.

Slight drop in number of tenants owing rent

A FIFTH of private-residential landlords have had tenants in rent arrears over the last three months, according to new research by the National Landlords

During the second quarter of 2010, just over 21 per cent of landlords experienced rental arrears. This represents an improvement on the previous quarter when teh figure was at 24.5 per cent.
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MIXED MESSAGES: Despite this week's good news that house prices are creeping up some experts have issued warnings the housing market remains highly volatile at present

Market rise in house prices met with some scepticism

THE HOUSING market has received a boost following the news from the Halifax that prices rose unexpectedly last month.

The news comes as a welcome relief as overall prices have been falling in the last few weeks, but Halifax analysts saw a 0.6 per cent upswing.

This news has been greeted with jubilation by investors and homeowners.

But there are still fears the market is volatile and has been completely settled.

The average price increased to £167,425 from £166,351 and followed falls in the previous three months, including a 0.6 per cent fall in June. The rise beat economists' forecasts of a 0.3 per cent fall in July.
"The mixed pattern of monthly rises and

falls over the first seven months of the year is

BY NICK AMES

consistent with a slowing market," said Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax.

"It is also in line with our view that house prices will be broadly unchanged over 2010 as a whole."

Prices in July were 4.8 per cent higher compared with a year earlier, the same as the year-on-year increase in June. but lower than the peak of 8.7 per cent in April.

Since the beginning of this year the average UK house price has fallen by £2,059, or 1.2 per cent. Prices are 16 per cent below their August

Mr Ellis said that while low interest rates and a recovering economy continued to support the housing market, an increase in the number of properties being put on the market lition of Home Information Packs (HIPs) - had relieved some of the supply constraint which drove prices up in 2009.

However other experts have issued warnings. Paul Diggle, property economist at Capital Economics said that monthly house prices were volatile and would continue to be so in the short term

He said July's increase did not change the likelihood that prices are set for a period of "considerable weakness" in the remainder of this year and into 2011.

"The weakness in buyer activity, signs that credit conditions may be tightening again, the possibility of renewed weakness in the labour market in the next year, and the hit on household incomes that the fiscal squeeze will bring over the next few years, will all weigh on house prices," Mr Diggle said.

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also worth considering the lifetime value of such an investment. Mr Lim explained: "That premi-

um doesn't actually sound like that much if that is to be spread across the entire schooling age of a child or 2.4 children [per family] on average. It doesn't translate to that much money per child per year if you divide it."

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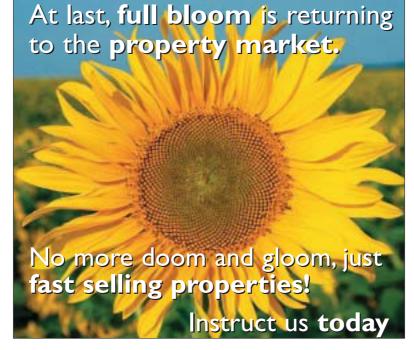


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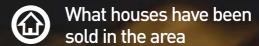


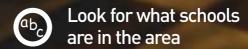


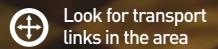


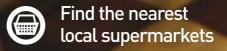
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Salary: £24.792 - £28.311 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience) Medway

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Ref: SE896

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Battling Stupples puts up a sterling effort in defence of Welsh title

GOLF

BY **DAVID PRITCHARD**

KAREN Stupples staged a decent defence of her S4C Wales Ladies Championship of Europe by finishing fifth at the weekend.

The 37-year-old left her best round for last, carding a three-under-par 69 to finish oneunder for the tournament at Conwy Golf Club. Her total of 287 was five behind eventual winner, Lee-Anne Pace from South

The event was Stupples' last in Europe before returning home to Florida to resume her season on the LPGA Tour. It was by far the most successful of the three tournaments the Deal golfer played in, following a missed cut at the Women's British Open and joint 43rd at the Evian Masters.

Windy conditions in north Wales made the first day an exercise in damage limitation as just three of the 138-strong field broke par. In the context, Stupples' four-over-par round of 76 represented a solid start.

Day two was little better and three bogeys in the opening seven holes left Stupples in danger of missing the cut. Birdies at the ninth, tenth and 12th changed the momentum and although another dropped shot swiftly followed, Stupples picked up two more shots to card a one-under-par 71.

A mixed third round ended strongly with two birdies in the closing three holes to seal another 71, although Pace's 67 meant Stupples began Sunday's final round six shots adrift of the lead.

A dropped shot at the fifth was more than cancelled out by an eagle at the par five ninth hole, but despite back-to-back birdies at the 11th and 12th it was not enough to mount a serious challenge.

Stupples returns to action on Friday at the Safeway Classic in North Plains, Oregon.



CLOSE CALL: Karen Stupples came fifth in defence of the S4C Welsh Ladies Championship title that she won last year

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI v Farningham

PROMOTION is now Deal Victoria's to lose as they took advantage of some dry weather to crush basement side Farningham by 150 runs.

With their closest rivals for second place either losing or having their game washed out, the victory put Deal 13 points clear of third place with a game in hand.

Consistent batting put the hosts in a great position, with

Robbie Brannan top scoring on 58 not out. Farningham took a step closer to the Regional League by collapsing to 91 all out, as Ryan Taylor took 4 for 27

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI

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KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST

Hythe Green League XI v **New Romney & Littlestone League XI**

NEW Romney & Littlestone virtually guaranteed their safety from relegation with a 49-run win against Hythe Green, who slipped to the bottom as a result.

Daniel Anderson was the only batsman on either side to master the conditions, hitting 59 to get New Romney's innings away to a good start. Useful contributions from his team-mates saw the visitors reach a respectable 176 for 7.

Everton White took three wickets to put a dent in Hythe Green's reply. The hosts were always up against it and eventually finished up well short of victory on 127 for 9.

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Hythe Green League X1

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Steve Cave	ct An	derson b Sm	ith	15
Tom Moloney				
Martin Smith	ct Ah	mad b Smith	1	1
Joseph Moloney	b Wh	ite		3
Jack Diwell	b Bro	wn		7
N Hasseldine	not or	ıt		20
James Whybrow	ct Lav	vrence b Lid	dell	8
Rob Hunt-Cooke	b Lide	lell		4
Alan Smith	st Lav	vrence b Bro	wn	15
James Rose				
Extras	(3b 9l	b 11w)		23
Total	(9 wid	ckets, 40 ove	ers)	127
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Lee Smith	10	2	23	2
Everton White	10	4	25	3
Rob Liddell	6	4 0 2	32	2 3 2 2
Jeremy Brown	7		17	2
Amar Ğudhka	6 7 3 3	0	5	0
Zahid Ahmad	3	2	8	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Hythe 1st XI v Harvel 1st XI

RELEGATION drew nearer for Hythe on Saturday as they lost by five wickets to Harvel, the only side below them in

Hythe made a slow start but Dan Furnival hit 109 to restore the balance. Ably supported by Sam Butler's 46, the pair guided Hythe to 215 for 7, which in the circumstances looked a decent score.

Harvel had won just once in the league all season before last weekend, but they looked like a team in form as their openers set up a straightforward victory.

Christopher Maurice	Ct Dai	'by b Marral	ole	
Lochan Blunden	b Mar	rable		
Jon Smith	ct Saı	ınders b Bai	ley	17
James Watson	b Bail	ey		4
Leon Morgan	ct Sev	ren b Ashdor	vn	22
Tim Pichowski	ct For	ward b Baile	ev	
Dan Furnival				
Sam Butler	not ou	ıt		46
Jago Pearson	did no	t bat		
Stefan Pichowski	did no	t bat		
Andrew Maurice	did no	t bat		
Extras				10
Total	(7 wid	kets, 50 ove	ers)	215
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Harvel 1st XI

				Runs
David Walker				
Daniel Walker	ct Wa	tson b Furni	val	53
Jesse Seven	lbw b	Blunden		21
Dominic Saunders				
Robert McSweeney				
Philip Darby				
Desmond Bailey				
James Marrable				
Dominic Ashdown				
Fraser Forward				
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Extras				
Total				
lotal	(5 WIC	Kets, 48.3 0	vers)	217
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Bowlers			_	
	0	M	R	W
Andrew Maurice	8	1	37	0
James Watson	4	0	22	0
Lochan Blunden	12.3	2	46	4
Jago Pearson	6	0	33	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI Dartford 2nd XI v Sandwich Town 2nd XI

A DISAPPOINTING batting display saw Sandwich Town 2nds lose their top of the table clash against Dartford

2nds by six wickets The margin of defeat would have been even more emphatic but for a superb unbeaten 66 from John Ewart, who finished with almost half the team's score of 135,

Hopes of victory receded as Dartford's top order made runs. Colin Aldred took two wickets, but it did nothing to change the momentum of the game and the home side wrapped up the win with almost five overs to spare.

which at least gave Sandwich's bowlers a chance.

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Whites start with a win to get title charge under way

FOOTBALI

BY TOM HOWARD

Woking 0



Dover Athletic 1

A CONFERENCE South title push is a realistic target for Dover Athletic after their opening day triumph at promotion hopefuls Woking.

A bizarre goalkeeping error from Lenny Pidgeley gifted new signing Elliott Charles a debut goal early in the second-half to earn a 1-0 win for Dover in an end-to-end opening day tussle at Kingfield.

The Whites dominated the game for large parts, hitting the bar twice and Jon Wallis had a penalty saved by Pidgeley after 20 minutes.

After failing to capitalise on a number of chances, Dover took the lead in a strange fashion ten minutes into the second-half. Pidgeley, who had pulled off a string of stunning saves earlier in the game, went from hero to zero as he failed to shield the ball out for a goal kick. The former Chelsea stopper was tackled on the byline by Adam Birchall, who rolled the ball across the six-yard box for Charles to poke into the net.



WINNER: Elliott Charles made most of Woking keeper's error to get Dover off to a winning start and open his account

Dover were forced to put their bodies on the line to deny Woking an equaliser as the home side battled back, but they did just enough to record a win.

Hayes, who felt the scoreline flattered Woking, was delighted with the result and judging on the performance from his side he believes they will be involved in the title race.

Hayes said: "It's put to bed some of the demons of last season against Woking which we have spoken about. Adam's (Birchall) chased a lost cause and from all the chances we created, we end up scoring from something

Dover Athletic starting XI



we had no right to score from. It was deserved and to be honest we could have had three or

"Everybody says they want to finish better than last season so that has put me under more pressure this season. The main target is to be in one of those top five places come the end of the season. I don't see any reason why we cannot fight for that top spot."

The Whites welcomed a new face in the dugout on Saturday with former Southend manager Steve Tilson filling in for assistant manager Paul Joynes, who is away on holiday. Tilson, who spent seven years in charge of Southend, is a close friend of Hayes and is expected to remain in the dugout for this Saturday's home game against Staines Town.

Hayes said: "He can talk to the lads. They will respect what he has to say and maybe he will see things I won't. It's a bonus to have him and the lads will enjoy working with him.

The Whites were in action last night for their first Kent derby at home to Welling. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for a report and reaction.

FOOTBALL



THREADBARE SQUAD: Folkestone boss Neil Cugley

Staying up is our aim, says Cugley

SURVIVAL is the main goal for Folkestone Invicta as they begin their Ryman Premier season at home to Croydon Athletic on

The Seasiders' threadbare squad won an unlikely promotion from Ryman South via the play-offs last season, but unlike this weekend's opponents they have not spent big this summer. With the club focusing on paying off their debts, the side which lines up on Saturday will be similar to last season.

Croydon mark the start of a tough opening run of games for Invicta, which include fellow promotion hopefuls Sutton United, Tonbridge Angels and Lowestoft Town.

Neil Cugley, Folkestone's manager, admitted it will be a tough campaign.

He said: "If I'm being 100 per cent honest, staying up is our aim. We'd like to finish higher but it would be an achievement considering where the club was."

Invicta are without Micheal Everitt and Rob Kember (suspended), Josh Burchell (unavailable), plus Olly Bartrum and James Everitt, who are not fit, for the opening game.

ON TARGET: Hythe Town's Brendon Cass (in red/white)

Hythe and Deal to square up in the cup

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 4 Bookham 0 **Deal Town 3 Sandhurst Town 0**

THERE will be a local derby in the FA Cup later this month as Hythe Town and Deal Town won their opening ties to set up a meeting with each other.

Both clubs enjoyed relatively comfortable afternoons in the extra-preliminary round, banking the £750 prize money. The reward is an all-Kent League preliminary round tie at the Charles Sports Ground on Saturday, August 28.

If Hythe boss Scott Porter was looking for a response from his side after their opening day league defeat at VCD Athletic, he got one. The home side took the lead six minutes before the

break when Brendon Cass headed home to open

his account for the club.

Gary Mickelborough doubled the advantage ten minutes into the second-half, firing low into the corner from the edge of the penalty area.

Town laid siege to Bookham's goal for most of the second-half, but did not add to their tally until the closing stages when Billy Somerville and Lee Shearer netted.

Deal's victory at home to Sandhurst saw goalkeeper Brad Ashmore make a number of superb

saves to keep the visitors out. Strikes by Mo Takaloo, Roy Guiver and an Aaron Robinson penalty sent the home fans away happy.

Both clubs return to Kent League action on Saturday, with Hythe taking on Corinthian at Reachfields, while Deal are away to Greenwich

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